THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground static tanks.

An amount of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the last financial year and the Delhi Fire Service have stated that this is being utilised for the specified purposes.

Smack Dens in Delhi

1613. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported conversion of the 'smack joints' into 'crack houses' by the drug peddlers in Delhi and that a large number of such smack dens in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS, and other places are peddling in 'crack' drug; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to liquidate the racket involved in running such dens in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only one case of seizure of suspected "crack" has been reported. No case of "smack joint" or "Crack House/den" in Andha Mughal, Madangir, Paharganj, INA Market, AIIMS and other places has come to the notice of Delhi Police.

(b) The action taken under the provisions of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, enforced with effect from 14-11-1985, has had its impact and there has been a decrease in drug trafficking cases in Delhi since then. Some active drug traffickers/smugglers operating inter-state and also internationally have been identified and a constant watch is maintained on their movements. Close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies and special watch is kept at the entry and exit points of the Union Territory of Delhi against drug trafficking.

Deaths due to mishaps in mines in Delhi

1614. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers who died due to mishaps in Delhi mines during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) how many out these deaths were due to mishandling of explosives;

(c) how many workers received compensation during this period along with the amount paid in each case; and

(d) what steps are being taken to enforce mine safety measures strictly in Delhi mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of workers who died during the last three years due to accidents in the mines in Delhi for which leases/permits have been granted by Delhi Admn. is indicated below:

Year	No. of workers died
1984	1
1985	3
1986	Nil

(b) Out of four deaths mentioned above, one was due to mis-handling of explosives.

(c) Compensation is paid under the Workmens' Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the State Govts/UTs. Information in this regard is not maintained.

(d) Provisions for safety, health and welfare of workers employed in the mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mines management.

The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad and his officers enforce the statutory provisions in respect of mines safety. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to mines management from time to time for adopting safety measures. Mines are periodically inspected by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. Whenever during the inspection, Officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety find conditions in mines dangerous, orders under Section 22 of the Mines Act, 1952 are issued. Prosecution cases are also filed against the management. The Delhi Admn. has also been advised to take suitable steps so that working conditions in the stone mines are improved and explosives are used in these mines in accordance with the provisions of the relevant regulations.

Closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore

1615. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Peelamedu, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), with effect from August, 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the number of employees affected thereby;

(c) whether prior permission was taken from Government for its closure;

(d) what are the reasons for its closure;

(e) whether all the dues of the workers have been paid; if not what steps are being taken in this regard;

(f) whether it is a fact that the said Mills has defaulted in the remittance of provident fund and ESI contributions apart from other dues to be paid to the workers on account of gratuity to the families of deceased workers; and

(g) if so, what are the details of the dues on these accounts and what action has been taken by Governmment for their realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, there has been stoppage of work in the Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore involving 1250 workers following strike by workers from 10-8-1986 over the demand relating to the payment of earned wages due to them for the month of July, 1986.

(c) and (d) There has been no announcement of closure of the mills by the management nor has it applied seeking prior permission of the State Government to close down the mill under the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(e) to (g) According to the State Government, the management has not paid earned wages to workers for July 1986 and 9 days of August 1986 amounting approximately to Rs. 16 lakhs and their statutory dues towards